



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

African Burial Ground National Monument  
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Thank you for expressing interest in the African Burial Ground National Monument. The African Burial Ground is the earliest and largest known African cemetery that has been excavated in North America. It was used from the 1690's until 1794. In 1991, the burial ground was rediscovered during pre-construction work for a Federal office building in New York City. The remains of 419 free and enslaved Africans who lived during the 17th and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries were exhumed from the cemetery. The findings deeply impacted descendants and the broader community, while renewing the awareness of cultural significance and historic preservation. The African Burial Ground was designated a National Monument by Presidential Proclamation on February 27, 2006.

### **Hours and Location:**

The African Burial Ground National Monument Visitor Center is located on the first floor of the Ted Weiss Federal Building at 290 Broadway in Lower Manhattan, and is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The visitor center is closed on Sunday and Monday, as well as all Federal holidays. The African Burial Ground National Monument Memorial is located at the corner of Duane Street and African Burial Ground Way (formerly Elk Street), and is open daily from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. except all Federal holidays. However, during the winter months, the memorial closes at 4:00 p.m. Groups are required to make reservations for visits to ensure adequate preparation and staff availability.

### **Admission:**

The African Burial Ground National Monument does not charge an entrance fee. However, donations are accepted.

### **Group Visits:**

Programs are available Tuesday through Saturday at 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Groups are required to make reservations for programs to ensure adequate preparation and staff availability. Presentations at the visitor center can accommodate groups of 40 people or less, and the programs last for one hour and thirty minutes. **The on-site presentation includes the 20-minute film, a self-guiding tour of the exhibits with a brief gallery talk, and a memorial talk.**

### **Advance Notification:**

Requests for tours of the African Burial Ground National Monument should be submitted at least two weeks in advance. Please notify the African Burial Ground National Monument if your group will be late. Groups may not receive a full presentation if they are late by **more than 30 minutes.** **Special attention: All visitors must go through airport-style screening before entering the African Burial Ground Visitor Center; and, groups scheduled for the first tour of the day should arrive promptly by 10:00 a.m. Afterwards, groups should arrive 15-30 minutes prior to the time in which their tour is scheduled to start.**

### **Accessibility:**

The visitor center meets the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and includes an audio component for the sight and/or hearing impaired. And, the outdoor memorial is wheelchair accessible.

### **Off-Site Presentations:**

Off-site presentations (at your location) may be scheduled on Tuesday and Thursday from 10:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Off-site presentations last for one hour.

### **Walking Tours:**

#### ***"A Broader View: Exploring the African Presence in Early New York"***

This 90-minute walking tour highlights how free and enslaved Africans played an important role in the development of New York City. This tour is offered Tuesday through Saturday, and tour times vary in the morning and afternoon. Reservations are required; and, this walking tour is not offered during the winter months.

#### ***"Abolitionist Walking Tour"***

This 90-minute walking tour examines how the neighborhood surrounding the African Burial Ground evolved into the center of African-American life known as Little Africa. This tour is offered Tuesday through Saturday, and tour times vary in the morning and afternoon. Reservations are required; and, this walking tour is not offered during the winter months.



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**EDUCATIONAL SERVICE REQUEST**

*Program requests must be made at least two weeks in advance.*

**(1) Please complete your group's contact information:**

Organization / School:

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Contact Person:

\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Day): \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Evening: \_\_\_\_\_

**(2) List three dates and times in the order of preference:**

Date and Time 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of People: \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Time 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Age Range: \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Time 3: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Teachers/Chaperones: \_\_\_\_\_

Audience description (special needs, theme, etc): \_\_\_\_\_

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**(3) Guidelines for program request(s):**

Please, place a check mark (✓) in front of the activity or activities in which you would like to receive.

\_\_\_\_\_ **On-site visit:** (visitor center) includes the 20-minute film, a self-guiding tour of the exhibits with a brief gallery talk, and a memorial talk. Programs at the visitor center are offered Tuesday through Saturday at 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Please, list three dates and times in the order of preference.

\_\_\_\_\_ 20-minute film entitled, "*Our Time At Last.*"

\_\_\_\_\_ Self-guiding tour of the exhibit space including the bookstore.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Commemorative Art Tour:** consists of a 20-minute tour of commemorative art which is located in the lobby of the Ted Weiss Federal Building. Tours are offered Tuesday through Friday. Please, list three dates and times in the order of preference.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Off-site visit:** (at **YOUR** location) consists of a 60-minute presentation. Audio-visual equipment must be provided in order to watch the DVD or view other presentations. Off-site presentations are only offered on Tuesday and Thursday from 10:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Please, list three dates and times in the order of preference.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Memorial Talk:** consists of a 20-minute talk at the outdoor memorial describing the importance of the memorial, and the efforts to preserve this sacred place. Memorial talks are offered from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. However, during the winter months, the last memorial talk is at 3:00 p.m. Memorial talks are limited to groups of 60 people or fewer. Please, list three dates and times in the order of preference.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Archeology Program:** "*Uncovering the Story of the African Burial Ground Through Archeology*" is designed to help students learn more about archeology by examining replica artifacts from the African Burial Ground. This program lasts for one hour and thirty minutes, and is intended for students in the 5th through 8th grades. The archeology program is offered Tuesday through Thursday, and can accommodate groups of 25 people or fewer. Please, list three dates and times in the order of preference.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Walking Tours:** 90-minute walking tours accommodate groups of 16 people or fewer, and they are geared towards high school students and above. Please, list three dates and times in the order of preference.

\_\_\_\_\_ "*A Broader View: Exploring the African Presence in Early New York*"

\_\_\_\_\_ "*Abolitionist Walking Tour*"



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TO 212-227-2026 OR EMAIL IT TO: JIMMY\_CLECKLEY@NPS.GOV**

Date Received: _____	Confirmation Date: _____	Staff Initial: _____
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